

# Newsletter



3rd Global Meeting of the  
International Dialogue for Peacebuilding and Statebuilding

## RECENT ACTIVITIES

Since our first edition the g7+ Secretariat has barely had time to catch a breath throughout one of the busiest times of the year. The months of April and May have included many significant international meetings and a number of key in-country initiatives.

The Spring Meetings of the World Bank and IMF held in Washington DC again provided an excellent opportunity for g7+ Ministers to meet and advocate for member countries.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of April the g7+ partnered with the International Finance Corporation (IFC) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark to present an event focused on the role of [private sector development in g7+ countries](#). A panel discussion featured g7+ Ministers from Afghanistan, DRC and Haiti, along with business people from Cote d'Ivoire and

Papua New Guinea. Other g7+ Ministers and focal points spoke from the floor. A presentation was shared on Doing Business in g7+ Countries.

Also on the 19<sup>th</sup> was the Third Global Meeting of the [International Dialogue on Peacebuilding and Statebuilding](#) [IDPS] bringing together Ministers of the g7+, leaders from developed countries, international institutions and representatives of civil society and the private sector. g7+ Ministers spoke on the progress made in the implementation of the New Deal in their countries and emphasized its importance as a part of the Post-2015 Development Agenda. In fact the outcome document of this meeting, the [Washington Communiqué](#) and the official press release, note that the meeting called for Peacebuilding and Statebuilding as a critical inclusion to the Post-2015 Agenda.

## Welcome!

Welcome to the second g7+ newsletter and thank you for your feedback and support after our first release in April. This newsletter, like the g7+, is a work in progress, so we are happy to receive your feedback. Also please encourage your colleagues and friends to [subscribe](#) so we can share the news of our work and progress with more and more people. You will see here that these past two months have been remarkable for the g7+ and we are happy to highlight the work in Somalia and Burundi in this issue.

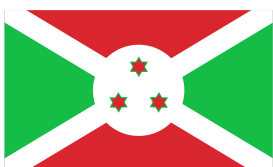


*Emilia Pires*

Chair of the g7+

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## COUNTRY UPDATE - BURUNDI



Burundi joined the g7+ countries in 2010 and is one of the 13 African

members of the g7+.

Peacebuilding and Statebuilding have been high priorities over past years leading to the Arusha Peace and Reconciliation Agreement signed in August 2000 which showed that political dialogue can provide a way to resolve conflicts. The elections

that have followed in 2005 and 2010 were organized in peace and serenity. In 2007 Burundi signed the Strategic Framework for Peacebuilding based on 5 pillars: good governance, cease fire with rebel groups, security, justice & human rights and land issues & community recovery. [\[continued page 2\]](#)

## RECENT ACTIVITIES CONTINUED ...

The co-chairs of the International Dialogue, g7+ chair and Minister of Finance of Timor-Leste, Her Excellency Emilia Pires and Denmark's Minister of Development Cooperation His Excellency Christian Friis Bach, acknowledged the spirit of dialogue and partnership in which the meeting had been conducted.

g7+ Ministers met with the **President of the World Bank** Dr. Jim Yong Kim and senior Bank and IMF staff on the 21<sup>st</sup> of April. Specific commitments by the Bank in response to advocacy by the g7+ include g7+ involvement in International Development Association (IDA) meetings, increased Bank flexibility and allocation of the best and most experienced staff to fragile states. In this meeting Managing Director Caroline Anstey flagged plans to increase IDA to fragile states and explained that procurement reforms were underway. Responding to g7+ emphasis on better natural resource management she noted that managing natural resources is part of IDA 17 and that there is fund on managing negotiation for post conflict situations. Countries from the g7+ will participate in the next IDA 17 meeting in Nicaragua in early July.

After the meetings in Washington several Ministers travelled to New York for an event at the **International Peace Institute** (IPI). This panel discussion included the co-chairs of the IDPS on the topic of "Peace and Stability in the Post-2015 Framework." This was a well broadcast event reaching into the development, political and academic community in New York City and allowing the core messages of the g7+ to get to a larger audience.

The **2013 Fragility Forum** was held on 1<sup>st</sup> of May in the World Bank headquarters in Washington DC and brought together leaders and practitioners with extensive experience working on fragility and conflict situations. Liberia's Finance Minister Amara Konneh was a key speaker along with World Bank President Dr. Jim



H.E. Amara Konneh, Minister of Finance, Liberia

Kim. The panel provided critical insight on how countries in conflict-affected situations can exit fragility and discuss how the World Bank Group can work alongside such countries to help end extreme poverty and support long-term development.

The **Somalia New Deal kick-off event** was held on 14<sup>th</sup> of May in Mogadishu. This was a high-level meeting to introduce the New Deal as a framework for engagement in Somalia, bringing together all the different national stakeholders including government, parliament, civil society and development partners. As South-South experience sharing, the g7+ focal points present at this event stayed 3 additional days to share experiences, knowledge and inputs, towards the next stages of the process.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> **g7+ Technical Meeting** for 2013 took place in Dubai on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of May in Dubai United Arab Emirates allowing further consultation and planning for ongoing work. Following the technical meeting the **New Deal Implementation Working Group** convened to develop tools to aid countries in the process of aligning to and implementing the New Deal. An extended report on the Technical meeting will be posted on the g7+ website as more information becomes available.

## COUNTRY UPDATE - BURUNDI CONTINUED ...

In 2012 after the successful implementation of this first strategic framework Burundi adopted an inclusive and participative Strategic Framework for Growth and Fight Against Poverty (CSLP II in French). Burundi has also adopted a « 2025 Vision » and the CSLP II is the framework to operationalize it.

The remaining challenges regarding peacebuilding have been incorporated in the CSLP II through its first



Mr. Pamphile Muderega  
g7+ Focal Point for Burundi

pillar "Statebuilding, building good governance and promotion of gender equality" (this refers to Peacebuilding and Statebuilding Goals 1, 2 and 3).

Regarding the New Deal a Partners Coordination Group has been established as the framework for dialogue between the Government and Development Partners.

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## MEET THE MINISTER

When the g7+ met in Haiti in November last year our Somali focal point, Sadik Farah was glowing with pride as the news came through on the appointment of the Cabinet of the Federal Government of Somalia. Announced as a part of that cabinet was Minister of Finance His Excellency Mohamud H Suleiman.

With the new federal government in place in Somalia the international community has been keen to recommence their involvement in development assistance. Whilst welcoming the assistance the Government has been firm on insisting that development engagement is to be aligned with the New Deal.

Our g7+ media team were able to talk briefly with Minister Suleiman in Washington DC recently.



**g7+ Media:** What is the New Deal and what does it represent to you?

**Minister:** It's a process which will help us to build and to control the country.

We have been in conflict for more than 2 decades. It is a formula that will help us to build the country.

**g7+ Media:** There seems to be a lot of interest from donors who are willing come and help Somalia as development partners – the EU, Norway, Denmark, the UK... How do you approach them in terms of selecting which donors will come to work in your country?

**Minister:** I think we should have a donor for every area. We are rebuilding our country and there is no shortage of needs. I would invite our friends and development

partners to co-ordinate themselves – to select among themselves what are the areas in which they can best help. Whether it is security, finance management, creating jobs, infrastructure or social development.



**g7+ Media:** What are the 2 biggest challenges for Somalia in the next 10 years?

**Minister:** Security is the challenge number 1. This is our immediate need.

We have done some work on that but we need to develop further – we need to reach a point of stabilization. We would like our partners to come forward and to work on this challenge with us.

We need our local security forces to be trained and to be equipped enough to protect our streets.

**g7+ Media:** As a senior member of the g7+ what would you like to say to your fellow Ministers?

**Minister:** I would like to say: stay united, you are in the right path. We need to see the progress and dividends of this system – we need to stay together to conclude this process.

We thank Minister Suleiman for his time in what was a very busy schedule in Washington. Readers may want to know that the Minister, and his President are frequent users of twitter and their twitter feeds can be found [here](#) and [here](#).



## COUNTRY UPDATE - BURUNDI CONTINUED ...

Aid transparency is a reality in Burundi mainly through the publication of the Annual report on aid flows through the Partners Coordination Group and on [www.sp-cnca.gov.bi](http://www.sp-cnca.gov.bi).

Use of country systems by development partners is low at 23% in 2010 but efforts are being made by

partners and government to strengthen those systems.

A Strategic retreat with civil society and the private sector was held on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of March 2013 resulting in a Civil Society Action Plan for the monitoring and evaluation of the New Deal and the CSLP II.

Upcoming events in Burundi include sectoral conferences which are being prepared with partners to improve development outcomes.

Burundi's next election is in 2015.

For more information click [here](#).



“If the New Deal is not reflected in the Post-2015 Development Agenda, we will continue to work in silos internationally, globally, in the UN. In many development partner countries, we still work in silos of implementation, and have security on one side and development and governance issues in other parts of our organization.

We need to break down the silos, and here, the Post-2015 Development Agenda must reflect this,”

H.E. Christian Friis Bach.  
Minister for Development  
Cooperation - Denmark  
Co-chair IDPS



## Links



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## CALENDAR 2013

These are some of the upcoming meetings involving the g7+.

**27-28 May:** 3<sup>rd</sup> g7+ Technical Meeting, Dubai, UAE

**29-30 May:** New Deal Implementation Working Group meeting, Dubai, UAE

**29-30 May:** Meeting of the High Level Panel on the Post-2015 Development Agenda, New York, USA

**5-6 June:** International Network on Conflict and Fragility (INCAF) Director Level Meeting, Paris, France

**6-7 June:** ADB-AusAid Forum on Building Resilience in Asia and the Pacific, Manila, Philippines

**6-7 June:** UN Development Cooperation Forum, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

**11-12 July:** Steering Committee meeting on Global Partnership for effective development cooperation (location tbc)

**17-19 September:** IMF Economic Growth and Natural Resources conference, Dili, Timor-Leste

**24-29 September:** 67<sup>th</sup> United Nations General Assembly, New York, USA

**11-13 October:** World Bank/IMF Annual Meetings, Washington DC, USA

**October:** 3<sup>rd</sup> g7+ Ministerial Retreat, Guinea Bissau (date tbc)

**November:** 4<sup>th</sup> g7+ technical meeting (date and location tbc)

**December:** International Network on Conflict and Fragility (INCAF) Director Level Meeting, Paris, France

## IN THE MEDIA

Here are a number of links to recent articles and blog posts on the g7+, the New Deal and development in g7+ countries.

[Prime Minister of Sierra Leone writes on Africa, the New Deal and Post-2015](#)

[Mark Tran writes in the Guardian about Somalia and the New Deal](#)

[Dan Smith blog on the New Deal](#)

The Global Observatory interview of Ministers Pires and Friis Bach: [Fragile States not too fragile to engage in Post-2015 Development Agenda](#)

[Liberia: government lauded for Open Budget Initiative](#)



“The New Deal has been a great leap forward in trying to ensure that the trend for the fragile states becoming failed states is reversed.”

H.E. Mustafa Mastoor  
Deputy Minister of Finance  
Afghanistan

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